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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1827

Introduced by Assembly Members Arambula and Solorio

February 11, 2010

~~An act to amend Section 1266 of the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to unemployment insurance. An act to add Section 14236 to the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to workforce development.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1827, as amended, Arambula. ~~Unemployment insurance: retraining benefits.~~ *Workforce development: one-stop career centers.*

Existing law provides for the payment of unemployment compensation benefits to eligible unemployed persons during the period that the person is unemployed, and requires the Employment Development Department to implement and administer the unemployment compensation program. Existing law, the California Workforce Investment Act, declares that it is the intent of the Legislature to deliver comprehensive workforce services to job seekers, students, and employers through a system of one-stop career centers to, among other things, make job outreach, intake, job search and placement assistance, and other related services available in one location.

This bill would require the department, commencing on or before July 1, 2011, to provide in-person unemployment benefit assistance at all state one-stop career centers, as prescribed. The bill would require that the unemployment benefit assistance services required to be provided at these one-stop career centers be funded with existing moneys available to the department for the administration of the unemployment compensation program, as specified.

~~Existing law provides for unemployment compensation benefits to eligible persons who are unemployed through no fault of their own. Existing law declares that it is the policy of this state to assist these individuals by providing unemployment compensation benefits, extended duration benefits, and other federally funded unemployment benefits, including those available under the federal Trade Act of 1974, as amended by the federal Trade Act of 2002, during a period of retraining.~~

~~This bill would additionally specify that it is the policy of the state to assist unemployed individuals by providing retraining benefits available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 14236 is added to the Unemployment
2 Insurance Code, to read:
3 14236. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, commencing on or
4 before July 1, 2011, the department shall provide in-person
5 unemployment benefit assistance at all state one-stop career
6 centers, as follows:
7 (1) The department shall ensure that customer service personnel
8 at those career centers are fully trained regarding the policy, laws,
9 and regulations governing eligibility, claims processing, and
10 procedures for the payment of unemployment compensation
11 benefits to eligible individuals.
12 (2) Printed information regarding eligibility and the process
13 for filing claims for unemployment compensation benefits shall be
14 made available at all one-stop career centers.
15 (b) The unemployment benefit assistance services required to
16 be provided at one-stop career centers pursuant to subdivision (a)
17 shall be funded with existing moneys available to the department
18 for the administration of the unemployment insurance
19 compensation program. The department shall reallocate existing
20 resources, including staff and equipment to implement the
21 assistance required to be provided under this section. The
22 department shall also work with the state's one-stop career center
23 partners to use existing resources and office space in one-stop
24 career centers to accommodate customer service personnel.

1 SECTION 1. ~~Section 1266 of the Unemployment Insurance~~
2 ~~Code is amended to read:~~

3 ~~1266. Experience has shown that the ability of a large number~~
4 ~~of the population of California to compete for jobs in the labor~~
5 ~~market is impaired by advancement in technological improvements,~~
6 ~~the widespread effects of automation and relocation in our~~
7 ~~economy, and foreign competition as set forth in petitions certified~~
8 ~~under the federal Trade Act of 1974, as amended (Title 19, United~~
9 ~~States Code, Sections 2101 et seq.). The Legislature finds that~~
10 ~~many individuals in California are lacking in skills which would~~
11 ~~make them competitive in the labor market. They are in need of~~
12 ~~training or retraining in skills required in demand occupations. It~~
13 ~~is the policy of this state to assist these individuals by providing~~
14 ~~unemployment compensation benefits, extended duration benefits,~~
15 ~~and other federally funded unemployment compensation benefits,~~
16 ~~including those available under the federal Trade Act of 1974~~
17 ~~(Public Law 93-618), as amended by the federal Trade Act of 2002~~
18 ~~(Public Law 107-210), and the American Recovery and~~
19 ~~Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 110-5) during a period of~~
20 ~~retraining to qualify them for new jobs in demand occupations and~~
21 ~~thus avoid long-term unemployment.~~